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1. From the middle of September until about the end of October 1946 fresh Soviet motorized infantry and artillery troops were constantly moving into the Lovech, Gabrovo and Turnovo regions from Rumania.
2. At Lovech there is a Soviet general and about 8,000 troops. A Bulgarian pontoon battalion which was there has left for an unknown destination, and its premises are now occupied by Soviet troops.
3. At Turnovo there are from 6,000 to 7,000 Soviet infantry troops and two regimental headquarters. There is a group of about 80 tanks on the grounds of the school for reserve non-commissioned officers. Headquarters of this unit are in the school building.
4. At Gabrovo there are two Soviet infantry regiments and a motorized artillery unit (probably a regiment).
5. At the beginning of October various Soviet units in the Plovdiv area started moving toward the immediate vicinity of the town where they formed large concentrations. On the left bank of the Maritsa between the old and new bridges there were up to 200 motorized guns, and on the right bank of the river there were up to 150 small tanks.
6. On 8 October all these troops started leaving by road "with generals and officers" in the direction of Dospat and Petrich, and it was said that they were to be deployed along the Greek frontier. A battalion of the 9th Bulgarian Infantry Regiment accompanied the Soviet troops, in order to facilitate billeting arrangements.
7. Between 10 and 16 October there were no Soviet troops in Plovdiv; on 16 October, however, fresh Soviet motorized units started to arrive, and in late October all barracks, hotels and other buildings (including homes) were filling with newly-arrived Soviet troops who were 20 to 25 years old.
8. The building of the "Regional Administration", opposite the town garden in Plovdiv, formerly occupied by a Soviet headquarters, now houses a new Soviet headquarters, comprising about 25 senior officers (from captain upwards), four women clerks and a number of non-commissioned officer clerks who work until two or three o'clock in the morning. The large salon is used for military conferences.

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9. The military depots in various parts of Plovdiv (including food warehouses) remained intact, and in late October trucks continually brought and removed supplies day and night.
10. A new Soviet motorized heavy artillery unit arrived in Haskovo in the latter part of October.

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